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RE: UNITED STATES v. JANET MCNAIR

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced today the sentencing of Janet McNair. McNair, who was convicted of a violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846 (conspiracy to distribute marijuana) and a violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(1)(filing a false tax return) on November 6, 2003, was sentenced to 30 months imprisonment on both charges, to run concurrent, a fine of \$1,000, forfeiture of her personal residence at 27 Marilyn Parkway, Rochester, New York, and an Order of Restitution in favor of the Internal Revenue Service in the amount of \$42,972, by United States District Judge David G. Larimer.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas E. Gregory, who handled the case, stated that the defendant, along with other individuals, had been involved in the distribution of marijuana in the city of Rochester from roughly 1998 to 2001. The investigation revealed that the marijuana was primarily obtained from individuals in the state of California, and sent here by the use of various private mail carriers and parcel services.

The Internal Revenue Service further determined that McNair had failed to claim income generated from the illegal proceeds she received from the distribution of marijuana in tax years 1998, 1999 and 2000.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the local police agencies, the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Mark Peterson, and the Internal Revenue Service, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Anne Marie Coons.

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